Minutes Forsyth Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting October 10, 2022

The Forsyth SWCD Board met on October 10, 2022 in Room 111 of the Forsyth County Agriculture Building.

Present: Toby Bost, Chair

Neal Dagenhart, District Supervisor Jordan Jones, District Supervisor Kim Gressley, Extension Director

Mike Bowman, Soil & Water Conservationist Alex Kiser, Soil & Water Conservationist Rick McSwain, Regional Coordinator

Call to Order

Toby Bost called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of any meeting the Chair reminds all the members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Board. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict, please state so at this time.

Minutes/Financial Report

Minutes of the regular session of the SWCD Board meeting on August 8, 2022 were reviewed and approved by unanimous consent. The financial report of the SWCD was reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.

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Kim Gressley updated the board on the positions that have been filled within the department, as well as the status of the vacant positions. She discussed the budget of the Farm City events.

DSWC

Rick McSwain discussed the resolutions to be considered at the upcoming Fall Meeting. He informed the board that the issuance of a Farm Serial Number by FSA is no longer considered a qualifier for participation in the cost share programs. Rick also reviewed the upcoming training opportunities for board members and staff.

NRCS

Roger Toledo sent a report concerning EQIP applications, CSP activity, wetland determinations, and HEL review and compliance. Team 4 is now fully staffed and gearing up for the FY23 contracting year.

Cost Share Programs

An application was presented from Rodney Poindexter for Residue Tillage Management. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Rodney Poindexter in the amount of \$12,023 for CPO 34-2023-001 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Neal Dagenhart and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Emerson Crawford for Pasture Renovation. Neal Dagenhart made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Jordan Jones and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Emerson Crawford in the amount of \$566 for CPO 34-2023-002 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Neal Dagenhart and seconded by Jordan Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Fair Share Farm for Cover Crop. Jordan Jones made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Fair Share Farm in the amount of \$210 for CPO 34-2023-003 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Jordan Jones and seconded by Neal Dagenhart. The motion was passed unanimously.

An application was presented from Tim Disher for Residue Tillage Management. Jordan Jones made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously. The contract for Tim Disher in the amount of \$22,884 for CPO 34-2023-004 was presented. A motion for approval was made by Jordan Jones and seconded by Neal Dagenhart. The motion was passed unanimously.

Jordan Jones made a motion to cancel CPO 34-2021-007 due to work not starting before the end of a 6 month extension. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

Jordan Jones made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to the Farm City expenses. The motion was seconded by Neal Dagenhart and it was passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting date:

November 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Forsyth County Agriculture Building

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| Chair, Forsyth SWCD | |

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